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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1114.

Monday, the *24th July 1939.*
8th Karkadagam 1114.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, H. J. Walmesley, K. R. Ramakrishnan and V. K. Krishnankutty were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

VETERINARY COMPOUNDERS—TRAINING OF.

101. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have noted in the 'Hindu' dated 23rd May 1939 an advertisement by the District Veterinary Officer, Madras, inviting applications from young men to be trained as 'stockmen' and 'Compounders' in the Civil Veterinary Department, Madras;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the same or similar or better course of training is being given to the students in the Government Veterinary School, Trichur, opened this year from the 1st of Edavam;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of creating a cadre of stockmen in our Veterinary Department and to provide young men who are thus trained as Stockmen or veterinary compounders or attenders in the Veterinary Department ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have not got sufficient data as to the proposed training in Madras to give out the comparative merit of the training at the Trichur Veterinary School.

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(c) The object of giving training at the Veterinary School, Trichur, is to give a knowledge of the elementary principles of veterinary science and the care and management of animals in health and disease including first aid. The aim of so doing is to impart practical training in the above matters to the members of the land holders' families, so that they may utilise the benefit of the training for the improvement of local cattle and for the diffusion of scientific knowledge in the treatment and care of animals among the masses. There is no idea at all of giving employment to the trained candidates nor of absorbing them into the Veterinary Department.

AVENUE TREES—VELLARAPPILLI—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

102. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of cages for avenue tree plants, constructed during 1114 in Vellarapilly;

(b) the average cost per cage and the cost per bundle of thorns used for these cages;

(c) whether there is any objection for the Government to give this work on contract by calling for tenders in future ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (a) 562

(b) Re. 0—3—4 per cage.
,, 0 - 8—0 per bundle.

(c) The present system is found to be more efficient and cheap. There is, therefore, no necessity to let the work on contract.

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* It is stated in the answer that the present system is found to be more efficient and cheap. May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister is not aware that these things can be got at a cheaper rate ? I know that the cost of 8 annas per bundle is almost double the market price there.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall again make an exhaustive enquiry and consult the hon'ble member also and if any improvement could be effected, certainly it will be done.

PANCHAYAT ACT—REVISION OF.

103. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to bring a Panchayat Bill consolidating and substantially amending the law on the subject ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Government intend to bring in a Panchayat Amendment Bill next year.

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